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OPTICAL FIBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please add the following paragraph between the title and the first line of text as follows:

This is a Division of Application No. 09/670,019 filed September 26, 2000. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.